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Report [REDACTED] on the International Astronomical Meeting in Rome

1. It appears to me that the subject report is not of the order of the substantive reports that have already and will be submitted by the [REDACTED]. I, therefore, recommend that it not be issued as an external research report. Since it was prepared largely in response to interest expressed by OSI, it can be justifiably considered as a project in answer to an internal request. I, therefore, recommend that it be a G/1 issuance.

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3. In order to further protect the source, I suggest that the statement [REDACTED] be omitted from the report but that it be reproduced and distributed on a highly informal basis to the AD/SI, AD/CI and AD/RE.

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7. It is my feeling that this is an extremely fine report of its type and will be of considerable interest to many offices.

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